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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY

Sir:

The Examiner's courtesy in a telephone interview on January 10, 2007 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 61-64 were filed in the Amendment dated April 18, 2006, but have not been examined.

The PTO's error was pointed out on page 14 of the Response to Final Rejection dated November 14, 2006.

Claims 61-64 were listed without comment in the Advisory Action of December 8, 2006, and claim 61 was mentioned in the Interview Summary dated January 10, 2007.

However, no grounds for rejection of claims 61-64 have ever been presented in a non-final Office Action giving the applicants the statutory period for consideration and response.

The Patent Office is requested to withdraw the finality of the rejection and issue a non-final Office Action addressing claims 61-64.

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